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**AMENDMENT**

Applicant's representatives have prepared the following amendment in response to the office action mailed 01/25/2005.

**Overview of Claims Amendment**

This amendment restructures the claims so as to separately claim the two distinct classes of embodiments for the invention, one class for over-the-ear devices and the other for in-the-ear devices. So amending the claims eliminates the need to employ convoluted language to introduce some elements with language which would encompass both classes.

As amended, the claims now form four series. Claims 16, 19, and 20 are directed to a

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single noise barrier apparatus of the over-the-ear cup-shaped noise barrier type, while claims 17, 21, and 22 are directed to a single noise barrier apparatus of the in-the-ear type. Claims 23-30 are directed to a noise barrier apparatus having a pair of in-the-ear components, and claims 31-36 are directed to a noise barrier apparatus having a pair of cup-shaped over-the-ear components.